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STREET CARS TIED UP

PEDESTRIANS IN THE CREAM
CITY MUST WALK.

Officials of the Road Refuse to Arbitrate and Prepare to Operate the Lines with Men from Other Cities—Ambassador Uhl Meets William.

Tie Up the Lines.

A strike of the 900 employees of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company was inaugurated Sunday, and as each car was run into the barns motorman and conductor left it, not to return until the demands of the union for increased pay, recognition of the employees' organization and several minor concessions are granted. When it was learned by the officers of the union that men from other cities were being imported and that the company was preparing to fill the places of the old employees it was determined to ask a conference with the officials of the company. The request was sent to Vice-President Payne, who replied that the company would receive no communication from the men and would in no manner treat with its employees further. When this answer was announced at the meeting a vote was taken on a motion to declare a strike, which carried unanimously.

The directors of the road sent their reply to the men, in which they positively refused to grant two of the leading requests—those for high wages and the settlement of difficulties by arbitration. The officials however, signified their willingness to discuss the minor grievances with the men. General Manager Wyman said that no discussion would alter the determination of the directors to concede nothing relative to wages and arbitration, and the men said that no agreement could be accepted by them in which present conditions in these respects form a part.

AN AUDIENCE WITH WILLIAM.

Ambassador Uhl Presented to the Emperor.

Sunday was set for the first audience by the Emperor to Edwin F. Uhl, the United States Ambassador to Germany, appointed at the death of Theodore Runyon. The audience was given during a driving rainstorm, but the ceremony was otherwise an unqualified success.

The entire personnel of the United States embassy assembled in the Kaiserhof, Mr. Uhl's temporary home. Baron Ushedom, court chamberlain, whose function it is to introduce diplomats to the sovereign, called with three gorgeous court equipages. In the first of these rode J. B. Jackson, first secretary of the embassy, bearing the letter of credentials of the new ambassador. In the second carriage rode Mr. Uhl himself and Baron Ushedom, preceded by two outriders bearing the white and red Brandenburg colors. Their uniforms being trimmed with heavy silver embroidery. All of the officials wore elaborate uniforms and numerous lackeys were in attendance in livery. The horses were gaily compared.

While driving up Unter den Linden, the military guards marched up to the carriages and presented arms to the roll of the drums. There were large crowds in the streets to witness the pageant. At the conclusion of the audience in the white salon, Mr. Jackson and the suite of the embassy were admitted and shook hands with the Emperor, who conversed pleasantly a few minutes with all of them. He then led the way to a smaller room.

Mr. Uhl was thereupon summoned to an adjoining salon, where the Empress and the ladies of the court waited.

Baron von Mirbach, as the Emperor's court marshal, introduced Mr. Uhl. The Empress conversed affably with Mr. Uhl for a few minutes and next received and conversed with the suite of the embassy. Altogether thirty-five minutes were consumed within the Schloss. Then in the same carriages and with the same elaborate ceremony, the members of the embassy returned to the Kaiserhof.

Believed to Be Cremated.

It is stated that a shoe drummer, supposed to represent the Standard Shoe Company of Cincinnati, who was stopping at the Portland Hotel, Cripple Creek, was seen to enter his room in an inebriated condition half an hour before the fire started and has not been seen since. Two trunks marked "S. S. Company, Cincinnati," saved from the buildings have not been claimed.

Commander McMurtrey Dead.

Commander Felix McMurtrey, U. S. N., captain of the League Island navy yard, died Sunday of heart failure. He was one of the best known officers in the navy and had served the country in every quarter of the world. He was under fire more than forty times and was conspicuous for his intrepidity.

Killed His Brother-in-Law.

Sunday morning at Austin, Texas, James Nixon shot and instantly killed Dempsey Brown, his brother-in-law. Brown, in his dying agony, returned the fire with his double barreled shotgun, emptying both barrels into Nixon's face.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker Ill.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army, is very ill at San Francisco, but her attendants believe she will recover. All her engagements on the Pacific coast have been canceled and she will make no effort to visit the northwest, going directly to New York as soon as able.

Deaths from Plague in Hong Kong

Sir William Robinson Governor of Hong Kong, telegraphs that there have been seventy-five new cases of bubonic plague and seventy-five deaths from that disease in Hong Kong the past week.

SAVED BY THE GUNBOATS.

Spanish Troops Nearly Annihilated by the Patriots.

A Key West, Fla., dispatch says: A notable victory has been won by the insurgents commanded by Gen. Calixto Garcia in the province of Santiago de Cuba. Advice received from Cuba state that Garcia's forces fell upon the Spanish column commanded by Gen. Munoz and almost annihilated them. The battle occurred near Zanja, on the banks of the River Cauto. Garcia was moving west with 1,500 men, intending to cross the river. Munoz, who was at Manzanillo, decided to prevent Garcia crossing. He led 2,500 Spanish soldiers out of Manzanillo and ordered the gunboats to proceed up the river to co-operate.

Garcia heard of Munoz's movement and effected a junction with the columns of Rabi and Rodinghans, thereby increasing the forces under his command to nearly 2,500 men. Garcia stationed his men near Zanja, and when the Spanish column under Munoz appeared, struck it in front and flank, doubling it upon the river.

The Spaniards were taken by surprise, and many of them rushed into the river and were drowned. The fire of the insurgents also did great execution. When the annihilation of Munoz's columns seemed certain the gunboats appeared and saved the remnants. Over 300 of Munoz's men were killed by insurgent bullets or drowned. The insurgent loss was small. News of the advance of Gen. Gomez has been confirmed. He entered Matanzas province at the head of 1,200 well armed men. He has seven pieces of artillery and plenty of ammunition. Gomez's forces are advancing westward rapidly, and in a short time will be in Havana province. It is said in Havana that Gomez is moving to attack the trocha from the east while Maceo hurls his column against it from the west.

Weyler is evidently expecting a simultaneous assault on the trocha by the forces of Gomez and Maceo, for he is hurrying to the line every soldier not needed for garrison duty.

CHINESE LAUNDRY WAR.

New York Company Starts a Fight on the Six Companies.

The Boston Standard says the Lea company of New York, the new Chinese laundry company, will open in that city at once its fight against the Six Companies of San Francisco. The concern is supposed to control nearly all the laundries in the country. Already a cut of 10 per cent. in laundry prices has been made and a bigger cut is promised. Ah Sing, who is connected with the Chinese mission in Boston says the fight means the demoralization of the laundry business.

On the Trail of the Trust.

Attorney General Moloney is investigating charges which have been made against the officers of the four principal Chicago gas companies composing the trust, which he is fighting in the courts, to the effect that there has been a violation of the mandate enjoining the payment of any dividends on the stock certificates held by the Fidelity Company of Philadelphia.

Cyclone in Missouri.

A severe destructive cyclone passed over sections of Boone, Audrain and Monroe Counties, north of Centralia, Mo., the other night. Trees and fences were leveled, and at the farms of J. W. Sexton and J. L. Sappington whole orchards were destroyed and barns, dwellings and outbuildings swept away. No one is reported killed.

Wisconsin Cloudburst.

A terrific electrical storm, followed by a cloudburst occurred at Sheboygan, Wis. Several buildings were struck by lightning and two dwellings burned. The electric street railway, all telephone and fire alarm wires were blown down. Water to the depth of a foot flowed through the streets. The Chicago and Northwestern track was washed away.

Gives Birth to Five Boys.

The wife of Oscar Lyons, a farmer living one mile west of Mayfield, Ky., gave birth to five children, all boys. The children are all well developed and healthy. Four of them weighed four and a quarter pounds each and the fifth five pounds, making a total of twenty-two pounds for five children.

Oppose the Cigarette Bill.

The House Committee on Judiciary has decided to report adversely the Terry cigarette bill, which would have subjected cigarettes transported into a state to the laws in force therein, and waived the exemption applying to original packages.

Ohio Buggy Company Fails.

Creighton W. Black has been appointed receiver of the Ohio Buggy Company at Columbus. The receivership was the result of judgments taken amounting to about \$45,000. The assets and liabilities are said to be about equal.

Booth-Tucker Is Arrested.

Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, while out on a slumming expedition in New York, was arrested and taken to the Elizabeth Street police station.

Minister Willis Very Ill.

Albert S. Willis, United States Minister to Hawaii, is seriously ill of pneumonia at San Francisco. Although reported better he is not yet out of danger.

New Bank at St. Louis.

The controller of the currency has authorized the organization of the Commercial National Bank of St. Louis, Mo.; capital, \$1,500,000.

Louisville's Offer to Ward.

John M. Ward, the base ball player, has been offered \$5,000 to manage the Louisville Base Ball Club both on and off the field.

Small Bore.

The story of a feat of mechanical skill of wonderful delicacy is told in Iron Age. An expert mechanic is said to have taken a common sewing needle of medium size, 1 1/2 inches long, and drilled a hole through the entire length, from eye to point, the hole being just large enough to admit of the passage of a very fine hair.

IS BELOW EXPECTATIONS.

Improvement in Business Not What Was Hoped It Would Be.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: As the season advances there is more business, but advances indicate that on the whole the prevalent feeling is that the gain is less than there was reason to expect.

The general range of prices for commodities, farm and mine, as well as manufactured products, is nearly 1 per cent. lower than it was April 1, and the lowest ever known, the decline since October, 1892, being 16.7 per cent. Wheat has declined 4 1/2 cents for cash, with better accounts of winter and rapid seeding of spring. Wool is weaker, the wool year closing with the greatest quantity of wool on hand ever carried at this season. Exports continue both of domestic and foreign wools and sales by manufacturers who lack orders to continue production.

Woolen goods have not improved in demand and flannels are 5 to 15 per cent. lower than last year. The decrease in the shipment of woolen goods from Europe has been quite marked and stocks in warehouses are large and increasing.

The anthracite coal concerns have advanced the price 25 cents per ton. Failures for the week have been 238 in the United States against 231 last year and 31 in Canada against 35 last year.

Brown Resigns.

The members of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco met to consider the action of the Bay Conference in suspending their pastor, Rev. C. O. Brown. The meeting was secret, only members of the church being admitted. Dr. Brown offered his resignation as pastor, and by a vote of 194 to 174 the congregation refused to accept it. He was not satisfied and urged his congregation to reconsider. Another vote was taken, which resulted in 174 in favor of accepting the resignation and 173 against.

The meeting was the stormiest and most sensational his congregation has held.

The pastor has as yet no definite purpose in the future. The fellowship which the conference of California withdrew from him was compensated by the fellowship which he received the other day from Dubuque, Iowa, conference. This re-establishes him as a Congregational minister, and leaves him free to perform the functions of a preacher of his denomination.

Murder in Chicago.

M. J. Wyckoff, an engineer employed by the Huebner Baking Company of Chicago, shot William Wagner, a wealthy manufacturer, through the left breast, inflicting wounds from which Wagner died within a few minutes. The two men were neighbors and did not get along well, and two days ago, it is claimed, Wagner, during a row, struck Mrs. Wyckoff blacking her eye. It was for this that the murder was committed. The killing was done at Lake and Market Streets, a crowded spot in the day time, and after two officers had taken Wyckoff into custody a large crowd endeavored to take him away. The policemen fought hard for their prisoner, but were on the point of losing him when a patrol wagon load of officers came in response to a riot call. Even with this reinforcement the officers had all they could do, and were compelled to use their clubs freely in order to get the prisoner to the wagon. Several heads were broken in the fight, but no serious injuries were inflicted.

Bicycle in Cuban War.

The first practical application of the bicycle in war is to be made by the Cuban insurgents. On the steamship Arbanduh, clearing from New York was a supply of wheels, shipped by a firm of New York manufacturers. They were consigned to Neuvas, Cuba. The wheels are to be used by the officers of the insurgent army. As the rainy season will soon set in over the island the actual worth of the bicycle in war should get a severe and thorough test. In addition to the consignment of bicycles other supplies for the Cubans were said to have been dispatched by the steamer.

Ohio Murderer Executed.

William Paul was executed at the Ohio penitentiary at 12:10 Wednesday morning. His neck was broken and life was extinct in just eleven and a half minutes. Paul was indifferent to his fate to the last. He declared his innocence on the scaffold, although there is no doubt as to his guilt. He shot and killed his father-in-law, Joseph Yockey, in Brown County, near Ripley, July 5, 1894.

Woman Kills Her Father-in-Law

An old man named James T. Rowland, living on Mud Creek, Indian Territory, about ten miles south of Chetopa, Kansas, was shot three times by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Rowland, and his death occurred shortly after. The trouble grew out of the daughter accusing him of sucking three eggs.

Killed His Wife Through Jealousy

Albert Rieuliff, a mulatto, shot and killed his wife and then killed himself at Seattle, Wash. Jealousy was the cause.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Sioux City—Cattle: Stockers and feeders, \$3.15 to \$3.62 1/4. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.10 to \$3.15. Grain: Wheat, 50c to 52c; corn, 15c to 20c; oats, 16c to 16c; rye, 20c to 25c; hay, \$4.50 to \$6.00; butter, 14c to 15c; eggs, 7 1/2c.
Chicago—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.15 to \$4.15; stockers and feeders, \$2.90 to \$3.75; Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.10 to \$3.72 1/2. Grain: Wheat, No. 2 spring, 62c; No. 3 spring, 63c to 64 1/2c; No. 2 red, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 2, 28 1/2c to 28 3/4c; No. 2 yellow, 29 1/2c to 29 3/4c; oats, No. 2, 18 1/2c; No. 2 white, 20 1/2c to 20 3/4c; No. 3 white, 17 1/2c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c; flax seed, No. 1, 91c; timothy seed, \$3.22.
Kansas City—Cattle: Beef steers, \$2.75 to \$3.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$4.00. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.25 to \$3.40. Sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.15.
South Omaha—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.25 to \$3.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$3.80. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.10 to \$3.30.
Minneapolis—Grain: Wheat, April, 60 1/2c; May, 59c; July, 61 1/2c; No. 1 hard on track, 61 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, 60 1/2c.

OF A GREAT STATE

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA.

Omaha Indians Declare the Land Leased by Mrs. Farley Was Obtained by Fraud and Will be Repudiated by the Tribe.

Omahas are Mad.

The large tract of Indian land that was leased by Mrs. Rosalie Farley of Bancroft from the alleged Omaha Indian council about a month ago, has created quite a stir among that tribe. The following is a copy of the remonstrance sent by them to the Secretary of the Interior at Washington, and signed by over 140 male members of the tribe:

Omaha Agency, April 28: Hon. H. R. Smith, Secretary of the Interior: We, the undersigned, Omaha Indians, are unalterably opposed to leasing any of our tribal lands to Rosalie Farley, or any other person. We desire that an immediate allotment be made of them. We have heard a lease has been made and signed by some Omahas claiming to be the Omaha council. The legal regular council elected by the Omahas last summer knows nothing of it, and will repudiate it. The Omaha Indians have not been consulted in regard to the matter, and look upon it as a trick and fraud on their tribe, and respectfully ask you not to approve of any lease without giving ample notice and call the whole tribe together to hear its wishes.

The lease which Mrs. Farley holds entitles her to 11,000 acres of some very fine land near Bancroft, for a term of five years.

Wants Three Years.

E. W. Hyman, who recently escaped from the county jail and fled to Iowa, desires the county attorney to allow him to enter a plea of guilty and take three years in the penitentiary. That official refuses to do this, as, he says, he has a sure case of robbery against Hyman and can secure a sentence of five years, if not longer. Hyman held up C. V. Fisher, a St. Louis traveling man, a short time ago and received him of \$15 at the point of a wicked-looking knife. When he escaped from all he sawed off ten iron bars. He is regarded as a very slippery individual. The maximum term for highway robbery is fifteen years, and Hyman seems certain of conviction.

Packing House Accident.

L. Olson, an employee at Swift's packing house, at Omaha, met with an accident the other day which cost him his life. While working around a rendering tank he tried to kick open a valve, and slipped and fell into the tank of boiling grease. Only his head was left above the edge of the tank. He screamed with all his might and the attention of other employees was called, and he was quickly taken out of the vat. A doctor was sent for and dressed the burns as well as could be done under the circumstances. Olson was then taken to his home where he died.

Want Him to Resign.

Officer M. F. McWilliams of the Lincoln police force, has been given notice that his resignation would prove very acceptable to the excise board. No tangible reason is alleged for this request, and McWilliams is at loss to know why the board is so anxious to dispense with his services. So is the general public of Lincoln, which has always found in Officer McWilliams a diligent official in the exercise of his duty.

Fatally Wounded His Baby.

A sad accident happened at the home of John Hynek, several miles northwest of Pierce. Hynek was getting his shotgun out of the house in order to kill a hawk, when the gun was accidentally discharged and the full charge taking effect in the abdomen of his 7-year-old girl. The child cannot live.

Reunion at Falls City.

Circulars announcing the Grand Army of the Republic reunion for southeastern Nebraska to be held at Falls City July 20 to 25, inclusive, have been issued. The reunion will be in Hinton's Park, one mile from the city. The park has a lake provided with boats and the Nemaha River form a boundary on two sides.

York Thieves Caught at Quincy.

A telegram was received at York from the chief of police at Quincy, Ill., stating that George King and William Winnekar had been captured at that place, and Jailer Welsh left for there at once. A reward of \$100 was offered for their capture.

A Boom for Bancroft.

The lease to Mrs. Farley's 10,000 acres of land for cultivation has arrived at Bancroft and a large number of teams have left for the place on the reservation. Work will be pushed rapidly and the result will be a boom for Bancroft and vicinity.

Stockmen Have a Wolf Hunt.

A large circle wolf hunt was organized by the stockmen and others south of the B. & M. Railroad in Deuel and Grant Counties, covering a territory of many miles. A number of coyotes and wolves were killed.

Coal at Ponca.

The Gaths have struck another vein of harder coal than they have taken out before. They have drilled 180 feet into the bluff. The coal is in pockets, with indications of a vein behind a seven-foot wall of slate.

Issues a Parole.

Governor Holcomb has issued a parole for William A. Chapin, a convict who has been confined in the penitentiary for horse stealing.

Hastings Store Glosed.

The city drug store at Hastings owned by C. T. Hurst has been closed by the First National Bank on an attachment for \$1,426.

Killed by a Fall from a Horse.

Robert E. Bradshaw, aged 18, a native of Liverpool, England, was thrown from a running horse at Plainview and killed.

Was Too Soft-Hearted.

Two traps made an attempt to break into George Wallins' home at McCool Junction. Mrs. Clara Wallins met them with a loaded revolver, but did not have the heart to shoot. They succeeded in getting away. Officers are now looking for them.

Held For Burglary.

H. C. Browning was arraigned for the second time in justice court at Beatrice for burglary. He was bound over in the sum of \$800 and sent back to jail. He is also held for carrying away mortgaged property.

BANK IN BAD SHAPE.

Affairs of Chadron's Failed Institution Reported by the Examiner.

District Judge Westover has appointed A. A. Riccord of Chadron receiver of the Chadron Banking Company, which failed two weeks ago. His bond was fixed at \$25,000. The report of State Bank Examiner Cowdrey, shows that the bank was in a very bad condition when its doors were closed. A number of persons owe the bank from \$2,000 to \$6,000 on their unsecured notes. On these the examiner figures a large loss and on the total assets of the bank, real estate, notes and all, amounting to \$50,162.60, he estimates a total loss of \$34,802, leaving about \$15,000 net assets.

The deposits amount to about \$20,000, of which amount Dawes County has \$4,000. The greatest part of the stock of the defunct institution is held by Fredonia, N. Y. parties; three brothers of President A. C. Putnam holding \$6,900 worth; A. C. Putnam, the president having about \$10,800 worth to his credit. The balance of the \$25,000 of capital stock is held by various parties.

Perished in the Storm.

Miss Leota Brown, a young woman 22 years of age, daughter of Benaga Brown, a farmer living two miles southwest of Imperial, accompanied by her sister, went out on foot on the prairie to look after the stock during a severe storm. The girls became separated, and the younger sister arrived home almost exhausted. The family, consisting of the mother, sister and two boys, aged about 15 and 16, made no effort to find Leota until the next morning.

She was found lying on the ground, within a quarter of a mile of the house, in an unconscious condition. The faithful house dog that had accompanied her on her search for the stock, was lying by her side, where he had evidently guarded her from the time she fell exhausted in the midst of the storm. She did not regain consciousness, and died before they got her to the house.

Stabbed Him in Self-Defense.

Young Raphael, the boy who stabbed Henry Mapes at Hastings after he had been assaulted by Mapes, had a preliminary hearing. The testimony of all the witnesses was to the effect that Mapes followed the defendant for a block calling him vile names and finally knocked him down. From the testimony of one of the state's witnesses it was shown that Mapes was warned that the boy had a knife, but answered that it did not make any difference, for he would shoot him if he attempted to use it, and then made the assault. After hearing the testimony the justice decided that the defendant had not been guilty of any crime and refused to bind him over. His decision was cheered by the crowd of spectators in the room. Mapes' condition is dangerous. His physicians say his chance to live or die are about equal.

Wonderful Crop Prospects.

At no time since the settlement of Chase County has there been such flattering prospects for a crop as this year. Everything is at least 15 per cent further advanced than at this time in 1891, the season the county raised such a bountiful crop and took second premium for county exhibit at the state fair. While the acreage of the small grain crop is not so large as in 1891, it is making wonderful progress, and there can be no doubt now that it will make a fine crop. Every farmer has been pushing corn plowing the ground being in splendid shape. The writer has lived in Chase County eleven years, and has never seen such a fall of rain in the county, and never saw a finer prospect for a crop.

Could Not Bear Foreclosure.

Police Judge Thomas Johnson of Ashtabula, committed suicide by hanging. Mr. Johnson was a Dane, about 50 years of age. He received notice some ten days ago that a mortgage on his home for \$1,400 with interest for several years, would be foreclosed to satisfy the note. He had been very dependent since, and was seen to visit the cemetery and weep. He had talked with several of his friends intimating that he had nothing to live for. He was a plasterer and worked at his trade until about six years ago. While attempting to get off a train near his house, he fell and broke his shoulder, and was not able to work after that.

Claims a Monopoly of the Water.

Chas. J. Grable and Judge Hamer of Kearney filed in the office of the district clerk of Dawes County a petition covering seventy pages of typewritten matter, in which the Crawford Irrigating Ditch Company is plaintiff, for a permanent injunction restraining about fifty defendants from using the water of the White River. A temporary writ was granted by County Judge Ricker. The plaintiff claims a prior right to use the water and alleges that it has expended some \$30,000 in cash in the construction of the ditch.

Instantly Killed His Brother.

John, a youth of 17, son of Thomas Traush, a well known farmer residing near Roseland, accidentally shot and instantly killed his brother Edward, a boy 10 years of age, as the latter stood at a table washing the dinner dishes. The elder boy started to go hunting and as he tossed his gun to his shoulder the weapon was discharged. The charge entered the little fellow's head and he expired immediately.

Work of Firebugs at York.

The fire which occurred in the Commercial block at York the other night, is causing considerable comment. After the fire was extinguished it was found that it had gained much headway on the inside of the building before the alarm was turned in. The fire originated near a scuttle hole that leads from a photograph gallery to the roof. It is openly asserted by many that the fire was deliberately started.

Light Sentence for Criminal Assault

Judge Sullivan, at Schuyler, passed sentence upon Louis Lutjehans, who a couple of months since was arrested at the instigation of his father-in-law, David Legler of Shell Creek precinct, charged with breaking into his house and committing an assault upon a 14-year-old daughter of Legler. The sentence was eighteen months at hard labor in the penitentiary.

Defied Parental Authority.

R. Mickelwait and Emma Hind, both prominent people of Wells County, Iowa, were married at Plattsmouth. They were married at midnight. The unusual hour for the ceremony was explained to the judge by reason of parental objections. They returned home to seek forgiveness.

Horse Thief Gets Nine Years.

Edward Wyle, the horse thief who escaped from the officers at Gretna was recaptured near La Platte. At Plattsmouth he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary.

ENGLAND IS EXCITED.

EVIDENCE AGAINST JOHANNESBURG CONSPIRATORS.

Rhodes in the Plot—London Times Admits His Guilty Knowledge—Chartered Company Furnished Him Arms and Money.

Approved the Jameson Raid.

It would be difficult to overestimate the sensation which has been caused in England by the publication of the substance of the telegrams and documents which have come into the possession of the authorities of the South African republic. The weight of evidence which they furnish against persons to whom they were addressed and by whom they were signed, of being engaged in a conspiracy to overthrow the Transvaal, is admitted to be crushing. The opinion of the press very



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generally condemns them. But strenuous efforts are being made to prevent a sweeping condemnation of the authorities of Cape Colony and of the British Chartered South Africa Company, other than individuals whose names are included in the documentary evidence.

The London Times in an editorial on the subject says: "It is impossible to ignore the gravity of the conclusion to which the published telegrams point. They establish beyond the possibility of a doubt that Hon. Cecil Rhodes, the then premier of Cape Colony; Mr. Alfred Beit, a director in the British South Africa Company, and Mr. Rutherford Harris, secretary of the British South Africa Company, were privy to the movement against Johannesburg, and that the leaders of the movement counted upon their help and countenance to insure its success."

"These telegrams must be taken to prove that Mr. Rhodes approved the revolution which was desired in Johannesburg, but nothing in the correspondence goes to show that the actual crossing of the frontier by Dr. Jameson, under the circumstances under which it eventually occurred, was known to Mr. Rhodes or carried out with his approval. The reasons which actuated Dr. Jameson in



JOHN HAYS HAMMOND,
The American Mining Engineer Whose Death Sentence Has Been Commuted in the Transvaal.

crossing the frontier when he did remain shrouded in mystery. His conduct awaits the explanation he may have to give at his trial."

A Pretoria dispatch gives the substance of an interview with President Kruger, in which he said that he had scratched the death sentence at once, to show that after the law had been vindicated there was no vindictive personal feeling on the part of himself or the Government. It is rumored also that President Kruger has received a personal cable dispatch from President Cleveland in reference to John Hays Hammond.

Many State Conventions.

The Mississippi Democratic convention indorsed free silver and Cleveland. The Georgia Republican convention selected three McKinley delegates